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LETTER DATED 3 JUNE 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the massive destruction wrought by the United States and its allies on Iraq's civilian facilities and infrastructure in the course of their military operations, which lasted from the night of 16/17 January 1991 until 28 February 1991, clearly demonstrated the iniquitous character of the United States and its unlawful use of the cover of international legitimacy and Security Council resolutions in order to destroy an entire people.

Not content with the more than 90,000 tons of bombs which they dropped during over 100,000 air raids on Iraqi cities and installations, United States aircraft continued - even after the cessation of hostilities and on the pretext of conducting reconnaissance - to carry out intensive air activity in Iraqi airspace, to shoot down unarmed aircraft, to destroy tanks, to drop airborne troops onto roads inside Iraq and to intercept Iraqi helicopters which were performing civilian duties and carrying civilian officials, political figures and relief agency delegations inside Iraq because military operations had destroyed and cut most of the country's land transportation routes. The following are details of these acts of provocation:

Date	Details
9/10 May	One sortie flown by a two-aircraft formation: the formation flew over the northern sector of Iraq at a speed of 720 km/h, overflying Arbil and Dohuk for the purpose of observation and provocation
10/11 May	Three sorties flown by single aircraft at a speed of 720 km/h and at low altitude: the aircraft, which entered from Turkish territory, flew over Zakho, Amadiyah and Mosul for the purpose of observation and provocation

11/12 May	Four sorties flown by two formations at a speed of 720 km/h and at low altitude: the aircraft, which entered from Turkish airspace, flew over Mosul, Dohuk and Zakho for the purpose of observation and provocation
12/13 May	Six single sorties violating Iraqi airspace from Turkey, reaching a speed of 720 km/h at various altitudes: the aircraft flew over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk for the purpose of observation and provocation
13/14 May	Six sorties flown by three formations: activity centred over Zakho, Dohuk and Mosul for the purpose of observation and provocation
14/15 May	Five sorties flown by two formations and one single aircraft: activity, which initiated in Turkey, centred over the northern part of Iraq for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation
15/16 May	Twelve sorties flown by five formations and two single aircraft: activity centred over Mosul, Dohuk and Zakho for the purpose of observation and provocation
16/17 May	Three sorties flown by one two-aircraft formation and one single aircraft at a speed of 720 km/h: activity centred over the area north of Dohuk for the purpose of observation and provocation
19/20 May	Five sorties flown by two two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of up to 720 km/h: activity centred over eastern and southern parts of Dohuk for the purpose of observation and provocation
20/21 May	Three sorties flown by single aircraft at a speed of 720 km/h: activity centred over the areas north of Mosul and Dohuk for the purpose of observation and provocation
21/22 May	Fourteen sorties flown by four dual formations and six single aircraft, all entering from Turkish airspace, at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 8,000 metres and speeds of between 650 and 950 km/h: activity centred over Mosul, Dohuk and the area north of Arbil for the purpose of observation and provocation
22/23 May	Forty-six sorties flown by 21 two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 850 km/h and at both medium and low altitudes: activity centred over Mosul, Dohuk and Tall 'Afar, for the purpose of observation and provocation

23/24 May — Twenty-three sorties flown by eight two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and three single aircraft at speeds ranging from 700 to 900 km/h and at medium altitudes: activity centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall 'Afar and the area east of Arbil for the purpose of observation and provocation

24/25 May — Six sorties, all entering from Turkish airspace, at speeds ranging from 700 to 850 km/h and altitudes of between 5,000 and 6,000 metres: activity centred over Arbil and Rawandiz for the purpose of observation and provocation

26/27 May — Nine sorties flown by four formations and one single aircraft, all entering from Turkish airspace, at altitudes of up to 4,000 metres and speeds ranging between 700 and 800 km/h: activity centred over Arbil, Dohuk, Mosul and Qayyarah for the purpose of observation and provocation

27/28 May — Four sorties flown by two formations, all entering from Turkish airspace, at medium altitudes and speeds of up to 720 km/h: activity centred over Zakho, Arbil and the area north of Mosul for the purpose of observation and provocation

28/29 May — Four sorties flown by one two-aircraft formation and two single aircraft at speeds ranging from 700 to 850 km/h and at low altitudes: activity centred over Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah and Zakho for the purpose of observation and provocation.

In placing these facts before the Secretary-General of the United Nations, members of the Security Council and all the nations, peoples and organizations of the world, we hope that the world will appreciate the lengths to which America has gone in its excessive and unjustified use of force, thus violating Security Council resolutions, showing contempt for the feelings of Iraqi citizens and disturbing their tranquillity and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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